

**CITY OF INGLESIDE  
MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 12, 2015**

**1. Call meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Pete Perkins presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Pete Perkins and Council Members Cynthia Wilson, Ben Tucker, Elaine Kemp, Kevin Robbins, Willie Vaden, and Paul Pierce and newly elected Council Members Dennis Knippa, Steve Diehl, and Oscar Adame. Staff present: City Manager Jim Gray, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson. There were approximately 40 guests.

**2. Invocation**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Presentations from the Audience**

San Patricio Economic Development Corporation (SPEDC) Executive Director, Lyn Spencer provided handouts of information that SPEDC will be providing to attendees at the Las Vegas ICSC event the following week.

San Patricio Municipal Water District (SPMWD) General Manager, Bryan Williams thanked the City for all the help they provided during a recent main water line break at the intersection of Highway 361 and FM 1069 (Main Street). Apparently a contractor drilled through a main water line and flooded the intersection at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2015. The Public Works staff, Police, and Fire all assisted even throughout the night.

**5. Consideration and action of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 28, 2015.**

Council Member Kemp made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 28, 2015 and was seconded by Council Member Vaden. The motion was approved unanimously.

**City Manager Jim Gray stated the staff was not ready to discuss this at this time. It will be brought back to a future meeting.**

**6. Consideration and action regarding the possible purchase or condemnation of property in preparation for the State Highway 200 Project. The Council may meet in Closed Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Codes Section 551.071 to “Consult with Attorney” and Section 551.072 regarding “Deliberations about Real Property.”**

**7. Presentation of a Proclamation to Gordon Royce Kemp for his many years of service to the Citizens of Ingleside.**

Mayor Perkins presented Gordon Kemp with the Proclamation and designated today, May 12, 2015 at Gordon Royce Kemp Day. There was a standing ovation as the Council and Public recognized Mr. Kemp for his lifetime commitment to the citizens of Ingleside.

**8. Consideration and action authorizing the staff to seek Request for Proposals utilizing the Street Maintenance Tax Funds to repair several streets through the City of Ingleside.**

City Manager Jim Gray explained this is the Street Maintenance Tax Funds that we have refurbished about \$850,000 in base and top coats on various streets over the past seven years. This year we are planning to spend about \$230,000.

Council Member Wilson questioned what was being done on Mustang Drive. Mr. Gray stated part of it will be a build up of the base near the edges and then a seal coat on the whole width. The staff attempts to perform all of the work during the summer months so it won't affect school buses; however, it is all subject to weather.

Council Member Kemp made a motion to authorizing the staff to seek Request for Proposals utilizing the Street Maintenance Tax Funds to repair several streets through the City of Ingleside not to exceed \$230,000; and was seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion was approved unanimously.

**9. Consideration and action authorizing the purchase of a new Brush Truck for the Streets Department as approved by Council at the April 10, 2015 Meeting.**

City Manager Jim Gray explained that even though this item was approved by City Council at the April 10, 2015 meeting when approving the Capital Improvements Program, that because it is more than \$50,000 we are required to seek Council approval for this specifically. The staff originally requested \$170,000 and through the State Buy Board they have received a quote for \$150,000. This could be delivered in September or October of this year.

Mayor Perkins made a motion authoring the purchase of a new Brush Truck for the Streets Department in the amount of \$150,000; and was seconded by Council Member Vaden. The motion was approved unanimously.

**10. Canvass returns from the General/Special Election held on May 9, 2015, and adopt a Resolution certifying the returns.**

City Secretary Kimberly Sampson read the results of the General/Special Election held on May 9, 2015 as follows:

Name of Office	Name of Candidate	Votes
Council Member Place #1	Ben Tucker	285
	Dennis Knippa	314

Council Member Place # 3	Steve Diehl	426
Council Member Place # 5	Bill Priday	247
	Oscar Adame	344
Proposition # 1	Yes	435
	No	126
Total Number of Voters		672

Council Member Vaden made a motion to approve Resolution # 2015-06 canvassing the returns from the General/Special Election held on May 9, 2015 to certify the election; and was seconded by Council Member Kemp. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Perkins provided the Plaques of Appreciation to Ben Tucker, Willie Vaden, and Elaine Kemp for their years of services as Council Members and Mayor Pro-Tem.

#### **11. Mayor issues Certificates of Election.**

Mayor Perkins issued the Certificates of Election to Dennis Knippa, Steve Diehl, and Oscar Adame.

#### **12. Administer Oath of Office to newly elected officials.**

Municipal Court Judge Cheryl Deal administered the Oaths of Office to the newly elected officials and they were then seated at their Council Seats.

#### **13. Presentation by Cody Williams of Bay Ltd regarding the progress of the TxDOT construction along FM 1069 (also known as Main Street) from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Walmart in Aransas Pass.**

Mr. Cody Williams of Bay Ltd. provided a brief overview of what they are doing in what order and stated they hoped to be complete in December 2015. When they are actively working on the current two-lane area, they will narrow the traffic to one lane from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and use a pilot car for directing traffic. He will attend a City Council Meeting each month to provide a briefing to the Council and the public. His business card is available with the City Secretary should there be any questions or concerns.

#### **14. Presentation by Dana Espinal, of Del Mar College/Small Business Development Center regarding a Beautification Workshop for the Downtown area.**

Dana Espinal, of Del Mar College/Small Business Development Center provided an overview of their program and explained they will be holding public workshops to get citizens and business input to help make a plan for beautifying the downtown area. The first of these workshops is scheduled for this Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Humble Recreational Facility.

City Manager Jim Gray stated this information will be helpful with the development of the City's new Master Plan that was authorized by the Council recently.

**15. Public Hearing regarding a request for an Excavation Permit for the property located at Lot 3-A, Block 88, TP McCampbell Subdivision; also known as 2055 4<sup>th</sup> Street in order to level the property.**

Mayor Perkins opened the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Speaking in favor of the request for the excavation permit was John Hausler stating that he has stopped working to build up his property until this permit is approved. The gentleman who has completed the excavation work on the neighboring lots will also be performing his, if this is approved. They plan to have a canal pulling from the center of his property to the side and then South to the back of the property. There is an existing pond and drainage that pulls the water off the homes that face 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Big Oak. Also speaking in favor of this request was Elizabeth Vebee who stated this area of town has always held water; however, the excavation being requested will allow the water to move from the front of Mr. Hausler's property to the back and thereby not flood his or his neighbors. It will only push it further towards the existing pond and drainage area.

Speaking against the request was Rickie Eichler who lives next door and is concerned with the water being pushed onto her property and therefore flooding her garage and home.

Mayor Perkins closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

**16. Consideration and action of an Excavation Permit for the property located at Lot 3-A, Block 88, TP McCampbell Subdivision; also known as 2055 4<sup>th</sup> Street in order to level the property.**

Building Official John Davis explained that this excavation will move the water from the front of the property to the back and on into the existing pond and drainage area that leads to the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Big Oak. There is no 100% guarantee; however, the same method was performed on two lots nearby and with the rain the last few days, those lots were not flooding. The water was moving to the pond and natural drainage as it was designed to do. If the plan doesn't work like it is designed to do, the property owner will be responsible to make the required adjustments to not affect his neighbor.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to approve the Excavation Permit for the property located at Lot 3-A, Block 88, TP McCampbell Subdivision; also known as 2055 4<sup>th</sup> Street and was seconded by Council Member Knippa. The motion was approved unanimously.

**17. Receive the Departmental Reports for the month of April 2015.**

There were no questions from the Council for staff.

## **18. Staff Reports**

City Manager Jim Gray explained that the Staff will be working with Attorney Judy Hargrove for the fourth year to represent Ingleside at the Appraisal District and the Appraisal Review Board regarding Industrial property within our City Limits. The staff is also going to retain the Law Firm of Lloyd Gosselink for Environmental Review of the ROW/Easement Agreements for SH-200. He also announced that depending on the moisture level, the staff are planning to perform smoke testing on the wastewater lines soon. With all of the rain, the Verizon phones lines are in/out of service; therefore, city phones are in/out of service and there is nothing we can do about it. With all of the rain, the City Hall Annex (Building Department) entryway keeps flooding. Mr. Gray also announced future agenda item to update Council regarding Cheniere, SH-200, Oversized Loads coming through Ingleside. And of course the City Manager and City Secretary will be at the ICSC Vegas Convention this next week.

## **19. Requests from Council Members**

Council Member Diehl requested the following as future agenda items: Master Plan, SPEDC & their Executive Committee's actions with regards to Open Records Requests and their comments to our Mayor, and an Executive Session to be brought up to date regarding the negotiations with property owners for our SH-200 project.

## **20. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Kimberly Sampson, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

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Mayor Pete Perkins